

## Drug Court Phases

The participant will complete three (3) phases while in the Hamilton County Drug Court Program.

**Phase I** begins with a sub-phase called the **Orientation Stage** which is meant to assist in stabilizing the participant within this new program. The orientation stage of Phase I requires the participant enroll and begin participating in the treatment process at an approved provider location. The participant may first go through detoxification if necessary. In addition, the participant must secure employment and obtain a recovery sponsor, all of which must be confirmed by the case manager. Obtaining a temporary sponsor will be sufficient at this stage. The orientation stage of Phase 1 will typically last thirty (30) days or less however the entire Phase 1 will last approximately three (3) to six (6) months unless the participant's progress dictates otherwise. The requirements of the program are: meet with his /her case manager (possibly daily but at a minimum of once a week), participate in Work Release or Home Detention or other added supervision tool, submit to scheduled and random urine drug screens no less than three times each week, agree to home visits, and attend at least three (3) support group meetings per week. The participant may or may not be subject to an imposed curfew. The participant must attend a Drug Court status hearing once per week. The participant must remain alcohol and drug free for at least six (6) weeks before moving into Phase II. In addition, the participant must pay a minimum of \$10.00 per week on program fees every week during this phase. Finally, the participant must begin work on a personal plan of recovery prior to the end of this phase. If the participant refuses to attend treatment, has positive urine screens, misses appointments with his/her case manager, does not attend any Drug Court status hearings, does not make routine payments, and/or does not attend the required support group meetings, sanctions will be imposed upon the client. Sanctions are graduated in severity based on the number of violations and seriousness. The violation sanctions may include but are not limited to: additional court hearings or case management appointments, increased urine screens, writing assignments, increased support group meetings, community service, home detention, work release, jail and/or removal from the program, or other sanctions as decided by the team. The participant is required to attend all alumni group meetings during Phase 1 (typically held every other month).

**Phase II** requires that the participant continue their participation in his/her alcohol and drug treatment/intervention program, attend 12-step support group meetings a minimum of three times each week and complete any other outside requirements (parenting classes, family counseling, financial counseling, cognitive therapy, employment assistance or job skills training, etc.) In Phase II, the participant reports to court at least twice per month. He/she also reports to his/her case manager at least two (2) or three (3) times per month, depending upon the client's progress. Urine drug screens are required on a scheduled and/or random basis, no less than twice each week. The participant may also be required to complete Work Release or Home Detention, or other added supervision tool, as a continued supervision tool from Phase I. The participant must remain drug and alcohol free for a minimum of ninety (90) days before moving into Phase III. Random home visits continue to be made throughout Phase II as well. Phase II lasts between six (6) and nine (9) months depending on the participant's progress. If the participant fails to comply during Phase II, sanctions will again be imposed. Prior to moving into Phase III, all aspects of the participant's treatment/intervention plan must be completed and all program user and urine drug screen fees must be paid in full. Also, beginning approximately one (1) to two (2) months prior to the participant moving into Phase III, the participant must prepare a written Relapse Prevention Plan identifying personal goals the participant would like to establish to maintain his/her sobriety.

The participant must then present his/her Relapse Prevention Plan to the presiding Judge and Drug Court Team during their weekly pre-court staffing. This process must be completed with the assistance and final approval of the participant's case manager and/or Judge before a participant will be eligible for Phase III of the program. The participant is required to attend a minimum of two alumni group meetings during Phase 2 (typically held every other month).

**Phase III** is the final stage of the program. This phase lasts at least six (6) months and allows the participant the opportunity to utilize skills gained to maintain a drug free lifestyle. While in Phase III the participant is required to continue attending support group meetings three times per week. The client reports to his/her case manager as directed, at least once per month; attends court once per month; and continues to submit to scheduled and/or random urine drug screens, no less than once each week. During this phase the participant must continue to comply with all rules of the Drug Court Participation Agreement. If the participant fails to comply, the participant is again subject to sanctions. A participant is required to attend a minimum of two alumni group meetings during Phase 3 and must **coordinate** or **co-coordinate** one of those two meetings themselves. Graduation from the program occurs at the end of Phase III.

If the participant does not complete all phases of the program successfully, the participant will be required to return to court for appropriate judicial action.

**The Program's fee schedule is as follows:**

Administration fee (if applicable)	\$100.00
Monthly Program User fee	\$50.00/month with \$750.00 program cap
Chemical Testing fees	\$0-\$22 for 11 panel screen (which includes Etg alcohol screening and suboxone) +\$15 for K2/Spice +\$15 for Tramadol +\$15 for 6-acetylmorphine (6-AM) +\$34 for bath salts/designer stimulants +\$20 for LSD only
Treatment Fees	To be determined with each provider (most operate on sliding fee scale)
Work Release and Home Detention fees	To be determined and explained by HCCC